THE IRISH AGITATION.

NEWS FROM DIFFERENT POINTS. IS "NUMBER ONE" IN AMERICA !- THE BELFAST CONSPIRACY TRIALS-REPORTED STATEMENT OF

According to a Dublin newspaper, the mys terious Irishman known as "Number One" left Ireland the day Carey began to testify, and is now in this country. His name is said to be Typer. Six more members of the Armagh Assassination Society were placed on trial in Belfast yesterday. The new detective force in London will take the form, it is said, of political police. The assertion is attributed to Mr. Parnell that three of ten men recently hanged in Ireland were innocent.

"NUMBER 1" SAID TO BE IN THIS COUNTRY.

DUBLIN, March 26 .- The Freeman's Journal states that the correspondence which has passed between the Home Office and Mr. Lowell, the United States Minister, has resulted in the former's renouncing all hope of securing the extradition of the person known as "Number One." The Journal declares that "Number One," whose name is Tyner, was in Dublin until the first day James Carey was examined at the hearing of the conspirators. He then managed to reach Bremen, by way of Hull. From Bremen he proceeded to Havre, and thence to New-York. He was a member of one of the London

SHERIDAN DENIES SEVERAL REPORTS. In speaking of a rumor that General Roger A. Pryor and Governor Butler had had a consultation yesterday in reference to the extradition proceedings in case, P. J. Sheridan stated that he knew nothing about it. If a consultation was held it was between themselves, and may or may not have had reference to his case. He believed that the British Government had abandoned all idea of attempting his extradition, for the reason that if such an attempt was made and the necessary inquiries followed, more harm than good would be done to the Government cause. An inquiry as to whether proceedings in the case had been abandoned was made at the British Consul's office. It was stated that no one on this side of the water, with the possible exception of the Minister at Washington, was sufficiently informed to be able to answer the ques-

Mr. Sheridan further stated that the man Tyner, who was formerly a member of the London volunteer corps and is now stated to be "Number One," was unknown to him personally or by name. He believed that the British Government was no better informed as to the identity of "Number One" now

than it was at first.

The statement that Mr. Lowell had to be guarded by police against Irish attacks he believed to be utterly false, and circulated only for the purpose of alienating American sympathy from Ireland.

"Minister Lowell," he said, "could walk alone from one end of Ireland to the other, and no one would lay a hand on him."

MORE CONSPIRATORS ON TRIAL. BELFAST, March 26.-The trial of six more mem bers of the Armagh Assassination Society was be gun here to-day. Judge Lawson presided. Mr. Murphy, in opening the case for the Crown, dwelt strongly upon the circumstance that when Barns arrived in Ireland at the end of 1880 to organize the Assassination Society he displayed the American flag from his lodgings at Crossmaglen. The evidence of an informer will be introduced by the prosecution for the purpose of showing that mur-ders were planned by the society, and documents supporting this charge will be produced.

THE DYNAMITE PARTY IN AMERICA. LONDON, March, 26.—The Daily Telegraph considers as preposterous the report that the Government has sent a menacing note to Washington in regard to the utterances and writings of the Irish dynamite party in America. It says that the United States Government's attitude of indifference at the ravings of these men is the same as that which England has always adopted toward exiles taking refuge in this country.

THE DETECTIVE FORCE OF LONDON. LONDON, March 26 .- The Press Association says the proposed addition to the detective force of London will take the form of a political police, similar to the organizations in Berlin and Paris.

MR. PARNELL'S ALLEGED STATEMENT. VIENNA, March 26 .- The Presse asserts that Mr. Parnell in an interview at Paris gave his word of honor that three of ten men recently hanged in Ire-land were innocent of the crimes for which they were executed.

MONEY FOR SUFFERERS IN IRELAND. WATERBURY, Conn., March 26 .- To-morrow the Rev. Lawrence Walsh will send for the relief of the distress in Ireland \$6,619, which sum has come to him since last Wednesday. Of this amount \$350 was contributed by members of the 14th Infantry, United States Army, stationed in Colorado,

A letter from Bishop Logue says: "Were it not for the substantial aid sent from America, the peo-ple would die of starvation."

OTHER FOREIGN NEWS.

CONDITION OF QUEEN VICTORIA.

LONDON, March 26 .- Queen Victoria was able today to attend the baptism of the infant daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Aibany. The Queen was wheeled to the chapel in a chair. After the baptismal ceremony she received the guests in the green drawing room,

ALARM NEAR MOUNT ETNA. CATANIA, March 26.-Three earthquake shocks, accompanied by rumblings, have been felt at Biancavilla, a town on the declivity of Mount Etna. There is a great panic among the people of that place. They are building hute in the open country, learing that the town will be destroyed. The prisoners in the jail have been removed to a place of safety.

SOCIALISM IN EUROPE.

ROME, March 26.—Another bottle containing ex-plosive materials has been found near the Quirinal. Several arrests have been made in connection there-

PRAGUE, March 28 .- The lodgings of the editorin-chief of a Socialist newspaper here were searched to-day and several Socialist works found on the bremises were seized.

GERMANY, SPAIN AND MEXICO.

London, March 26 .- The Standard's correspondent at Berlin says that the Spanish Minister there is about to go on a furlough. He wil. probably remain absent owing to the differences between Spain and Germany with regard to customs duties.

Beauty, March 26.—The treaty of commerce between Germany and Mexico has been submitted to the Bundeerath. It secures the safety of the retail trade and the freedom of property owned by Germans in Mexico from forced loans or war charges.

NEWS FROM THE DOMINION.

OTTAWA, March 26 .- Sir Charles Tupper, Minister of Railways, is about to resign. It is rumored that he will be appointed a High Commissioner in the place of Sir A. T. Gelt. Sir Charles has not yet resigned. but will do so after ne has made explanations in the House on the progress of the Canada Pacific Railway. Either Mr. Ritchie or Mr. Daly, of Halifax, will probably

Succeed him in the Cabinet.

The benck show under the auspices of the Dominion Kennel Club was formally opened here this afternoon by his Execitency the hovernor-foueral. The exhibition promises to be a very at ractive one. The value of the cyc on exhibition is over \$150,000. The entries represent almost every known class of does.

Que Energy March 24.—Diphtheria is prevalent at Nicolet has many children have died. A few lattle cases are reported in this city.

AFFAIRS IN CHINA AND JAPAN. Hong Kong, March 1 .- A French transpor. with 500 troops for the Tou-quin expedition, arrived at Hal-Phong on February 21, increasing the number of the force to 2,500 infantry and artillery in proportion. No active hostilities are expected, however, a pacific settlement having

Swatow continues in a state of semi-warfare. The German ships of war maintain a hostile attitude and are closely watched by Chinese gunboats. On shore the public offices are guarded day and night in order to prevent a possible seizure of the officials by German saile

possible scizure of the officials by German sailors.

YokoHaMa, March 10.—General Van Buren publishes a card aunouncing his intention to institute proceedings against a Yokohama paper which has reprinted satiritied articles about him from New-York journals, and otherwise criticised his consular administration.

TOPICS IN PERU AND CHILL.

PANAMA, March 17 .- Dr. Francisco Garcia Calderon, who is a prisoner in Chill, has addressed a note to Dr. Logan in which he objects to the despatch addressed by the latter to Admiral Montero, and objects to its having been given publicity. In this note Dr. Calderon informs the public, for the first time, that he was once on the verge of making peace, but failed to do so owing to the Chilians augmenting their demands. The following are the more interesting paragraphs of

this document.

I must express the painful effect your communication to Admiral Montero has made upon me. Had you consulted me as to the terms of your letter, I should have begged you to modify them, and should have asked you especially to state that, at the end of October last, you gave me the ultimatum of the Chillan Government: that I accepted it, and that, if peace was not then made, it was because the Government subsequently modified its own conditions and rendered them more onerous. If instead of saying what you did, you had spoken of that ultimatum, your letter would have contained a statement unfavorable to Chili, instead of which, as it now stands, it does not contain one single word condemnatory of the conduct of that Government which has given you frequent and just cause for complaint. Had you been in Arequipa you could have said all the letter contains, and even much more, because at the same time you would have been able to explain, as you have to me, your idea that a treaty should be made without any cession of territory, and that only when this aim proves impossible you would counsel the cession of territory as the least of evils. You would also have been able to relate all about the ultimatum. But, these explanations not having been furnished, this letter will have a bad effect in Pern.

The condition of affairs in Peru continues unaltered: at, as the Chilians have released several of their more important prisoners, who have returned to Peru to advotinue to improve

of the Old Theatre in Lima removes one of the most ancient edifices in the city, and causes heavy loss to the owners of it and the buildings which were burned with t.

The quarrel between Brazil and the Argentine Repub-ic seems to have become more serious. The reat point in dispute is as to who shall appropriate Uruguay.

PANAMA, March 17 .- Dictator Veintimilla ontinues in hot water in Guayaquii. It is probable that he revolutionary troops will enter the city without a struggle. They are supposed to be near by. The dictator says that he will held out against them even if the struction of the town should follow. The feeling against him is strong. Business is bad and exchange is ruling high. Very little rubber is arriving. The coffee rade has been almost destroyed by the war.

Rioting was prevented recently by the timely presence of an Italian and a British man-of-war. The Italian onsul asked permission to warn the inhabitants of a certain district that their lives would be in danger on account of the war, whereupon he was declared an enemy to the Government. He appealed to the Captain of the Italian man-of-war Caracelole, who, hearing a few days later that an Italian had been arrested and tor tured, demanded the trial of those who committed the

tured, demanded the trial of those who committed the outrage, which was promised.

On the following day measures were taken to prevent foreigners from suffering should rioting break out in the city, and persons of all nationalities were informed that, refuge would be afforded on board the Caracciolo. The English Consul also reported that the English vessel would protect his fellow subjects. Shortly afterward the English Consul entered a protest against the seizure of chronometers, sails, etc., from the English vessel Mysterious Star by the Ecuadorian steamer Huacho, and the return of the articles was ordered and redress promised.

PANAMA, March 17 .- A slight though pro onced earthquake shock was feit on the lethous at 0:30.

no. on the 8th, and at 11:45 that night another and sharper shock occurred, followed during the night by three slighter ones. No damage was done, but much alarm was caused.

The American and English Eclipse Expeditions met here and proceeded to Calino on the 12th, where they will take a man-of-war, in all probability the Hartford, and continue on to the Caroline Islands.

The chief of works on the Interoceanic Canal is now M. Dingler, recently arrived, who, it is said, receives a salary of \$40,000. Several changes are being made in the general administration of the work. Mr. Partridge has not yet reached Panama on his journey to Washington.

FOREIGN NOTES.

GENOA, March 26.—The village of Saint Anton, in Tyrol, was burned to day. ROME, March 26.-The Pope has consented to be epresented at the coronation of the Czar. ROME, March 26 .- The reply of Cardinal Jacobini, the Papal Secretary of State, to the note of Herr von

good night. He kept his bed until one o'clock this after-noon, when he arose. ST. PETERSUERG, March 26.—A report, which has gained currency, of the death of M. Perstieff, formerly Director of the Post Office, who attempted to commit suicide a second time on Monday last, is not true.

THE LAST MAN'S CLUB AT DINNER.

PHILADELPHIA, March 26 .- The third annual oner of the Last Man's Club was held this evening at the Hotel Bellevue. Of the seventeen original members of the Club fifteen were present, the two absentees being Clarence Lewis and Charles H. Townsend, who are in Dakota. Covers were tatal and food and wine Dakota. Covers were taid and food and wine were served to the absent members as though they were present. The decorations and menu were of the most costly and elaborate description. The names of the dishes and wines were printed on pennants of satin, which were attached to the apex of miniture obelieks inserbed with the names of the seventeen members. Crocodile eggs, with a name inserbed on each, denoted the piace of each at the table. Lee cream was served in egg shells which were placed on the table in a fancy wicker-basket with double compartments. In one was a live white hen, which cackled dismally on making its appearance on the table. The only toasts were the nealth of the absentees.

FIVE PERSONS SHOT IN SPORT.

CHICAGO, March 26 .- Tribune dispatches report five fatalities from shooting in alleged sport. At Lawndale, Ill., near Bloomington, on Sunday, two children of John Hershey were mortally wounded by their brother. At Racine, Wis., this afternoon, a son of John May, age eleven, fired a rifle at his brother and sister, ages eight and five. The girl was killed and the boy was fatally wounded. At Lacrosse, Wis., last night, Louis May fired a musket ball into the head of his companion, age seventeen, under the impression that the gun was real loaded.

A FUGITIVE PARTNER.

CHICAGO, March 26 .- Edward Donovan, a partner of Erastus Whitney, according to the statement of the latter has confessed to having converted to his own use \$2,000 cash and the proceeds of the sales of \$18,000 worth of goods. Pending negotiations for settlement Donovan disappeared, and, Whitney alleges, is a fugitive. The firm dealt in syrups. Donovan has en a partner two years.

THE DEMANDS OF LABORERS.

CIGAR-MAKERS DETERMINED TO STRIKE. MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 26 .- At a secret meeting of eigar-makers here last night, a committee reported that the manufacturers would not accede to the advance of \$1 per thousand and the men determined to go on a strike on May 1. Letters were read from New-York, Chicago and Philadelphia, stating that strikers will undoubtedly follow in those places.

TROUBLE FEARED FROM TEXAN COWBOYS. St. Louis, March 26.-An extensive strike among the cowboys in the Panhandle of Texas is in progress, and trouble is apprehended. They demand an advance from \$30, their present wages, to \$50 per month, which the stockmen refuse to pay. The cowboys threaten violence to new men if they are brought into the ranches. The cattle owners will call upon the State forces to protect them if their own means fail. It is a very critical time for such trouble, as the preparations for the season's drive are at hand, and efforts are being

REDUCTION OF WAGES ACCEPTED.

TRENTON, N. J., March 26.—Several hundred men resumed work at the rolling mill of the New-Jersey Steel and Iron Company to-day. The whole number of those who have consented to go to work at the reduced wages is 700, but owing to the fact of the scarcity of for the Freshmen. REDUCTION OF WAGES ACCEPTED.

A NEW-YORK SWINDLER BROUGHT TO BAY.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TEIBUNE.] WILKESBARRE, Penn., March 26 .- A swinder from New-York, giving his name as C. S. Cooper, has just been tripped up here. For a long time he has been playing the "dude" here and succeeded in entrapping into his confidence several young Wilkesbarre ladies, who were led to believe that he was a single man, he passing off as such, and they accepting his escort to places of musoment. The first suspicion that Cooper was not the appearance here of his wife from Jersey City, who soon

But this was not all. It appears that not long ago be went to John Dougher, of Wyoming, a highly respected citizen, and sold him the patent right of a washing machine, guaranteeing him the county of Lackawanna. Mr. Dougher gave notes in payment, and Cooper at once hustled off to J. J. Shoemaker and asked him to indorse Dougher's notes, teiling him that they were given for insurance on Dougher's life. Mr. Shocmaker readily ingersed, and Cooper subsequently got the notes discounted. When Dougher went up in Lackawanna to discounted. When Dougher went up in Lackawanna to sell his machines he asceriained that they had been sold in that county for two years, and that his right to sell there was good for nothing. Straightway Mr. Dougher began proceedings against Cooper for swindling him out of \$300. Suit was brought before Alderman Parsons, where Cooper stands charged—first, with obtaining money under false pretences; second, with getting notes indorsed under false representations; and third, with writing the notes without putting any words in them to show they were given for a patent right.

DALY DEFEATED BY VIGNAUX.

CHICAGO, March 26 .- The great balk line illiard tournament began to-night with a crowded ouse at Central Music Hall, two or three hundred people being unable to obtain seats. The game was between Vignaux and Daly, 600 points up. Daty led off n best form and for first eighteen innings was well ahead, but in the next five innings Vignaux made a nning. No such exhibition of billiards, in every conselvable form and style, was ever seen in America as that given by Vignaux in these five imings. Every variety of shot was introduced, and all made with such precision and daring as to captivate the great audience. After this great performance he rested for a time, missing easy shots through careiessness. He had the game at his mercy, and though the hour was late he was evidently in no hurry to finish and not avxious to record a big average, closed in the thirtieth inning with 23, Daly's score being 412.

FREEDOM OF WORSHIP IN PRISONS.

Boston, March 26 .- The Committee on Public Charitable Institutions to-day considered the order relative to religious instruction in prison. It in structs the committee to inquire into the expediency of so changing the law that no minor children in the State's so changing the law to a no minor children in the state is institutions shall be compelled to attend or participate in relations services other than those which have been the choice of their parents. Charles F. Donnelly, member of the Board of Health, Lunacy and Charlty, submitted a bill which is substantially the English law passed in 1868. It provides as above, unless the minor, being over twelve, desires otherwise, and also places special restrictions upon attempts at proselyting by officers of the Board or persons to whom the children are indentured.

GUNS CARELESSLY HANDLED.

LA CROSSE, Wis., March 26.-Francis Mahar, age seventeen, was accidentally killed yesterday after-noon by a comrade of the same age, Louis May. The latter laced what he supposed was an empty shell in a rifle, and pointed the gun at Mahar, who assumed a tragte attitude, with his hand on his heart. An instant later a bullet was sent through his head. Mahar was a favorite candidate for a West Point cadetship.

PORTLAND, Me., March 26 .- Henry A. Gooding, of Yarmou'h, was returning from hunting last Saturday when he was met by Josiah Loring, who, after inspecting the gun, handed it back, whereupon it was accidentally discharged, killing Gooding instantly.

A LARGE PURCHASE OF CATTLE.

St. Louis, March 26 .- Perhaps the largest effected at Fort Worth, Texas, last Saturday, the sale being of 75,000 head of ruil-grown cattle by the Ikards and Harold Brothers to the Franklin Land and Cattle Company, of New-York, composed of Charles G. Franck-lyn, F. G. Brown, president of the Bassick Mines, Colo-rado; and B. B. Groom & Son, of Lexington, Ky. The price paid is kept private, but the figures are understood to be about \$25 a head, which would aggregate \$1,875,000.

AN EX-CITY ATTORNEY VINDICATED. POUGHKEEPSIE, March 26 .- The suit bron

against W. J. Thorn, ex-attorney of this city, to collect about \$4,000 claimed to be due from him for tax col-lections which he had made but had not paid over, result ed to-day in a judgment in his favor of \$62 overpaid by him. The suit was brought as a result of an investigation by the Finance Committee of the Common Connell, and was based upon the report of Selden R. Hopkins, an

DORSEY'S \$2,000 CHECK. DENVER, Col., March 26 .- The tollowing telegram was received here to-day: BERLIN, March 26 .- The Emperor William passed a WASHINGTON, D. C., March 26.
J. B. Bissel is here. Says he did receive a check of \$2,000 of Dorsey.

(For Star Route Trial see Third Page.) DUKES NOT WANTED IN UNIONTOWN.

PITTSBURG, March 26-A dispatch to The Chronicle from Uniontown, Penn., says that N. L. Dukearrived there from his step-father's last night, and this morning a committee of citizens presented him with res

FAILURE OF WOOL MERCHANTS.

Boston, March 26.-Harrington & Simonds wool merchants of No. 92 Federal st., suspended on Saturday afternoon. Their liabilities approximate \$75,000. The failure will in no way involve other houses. A settlement will be effected in insolvency, and the firm will

THE PARIS GLOVE AGENCY.

The Post Office Department yesterday declared that the Paris Glove Agency, of So. 12 Union Square, was conducting a fraudulent scheme for obtain ing money, and directed that no more letterabe delivered to that name. A TRIBUNE reporter found Mr. Horton, manager of the agency, last evening, in a small back room at No. 12 Union Square, and asked him as to the action of the Post-Office Department. He said that there must be some mistake. The mail had not been stopped up to yesterday morning, and he had heard of no complaints from the Post Office authorities. The business of the agency was perfectly legitimate. It sold kid gloves at low prices. It had not advertised for about a month, and was only filling such orders as came in. It had quit the glove business because it did not pay. He said that he had done all of his advertising turough E. Duncan Sniffen, an advertising agent. Mr. miffen, on oring spoken to by the reporter, disclaimed any knowledge whatsoever of the agency, and said that he had never heard of it before. om at No. 12 Union Square, and seked him as to the

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES,

RUN ON A SAVINGS BANK ENDED.

NEWBURG, N. Y., March 26.—The run on the Newburg Savings hank has ended. It was begun again this morning, but those who reclaimed their deposits were from out of town.

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PORTSMOUTH, N. H., March 26.—Two gentlemen from Montreal visited this city and the Navy Yard on Thursday. It is reported that they were prospecting relative to the feasibility of making Portsmouth the winter terminus of the Allen Steamship Company.

THE ICE IN THE HUDSON.

KINGSTON, N. Y., March 26.—The ice is still firm in the river above this point. It began to move below this city resterday, and the locats are expected through in a few days. Above, the ice is still very neavy and strong, and some of the ferries are not yet moning.

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AN INVENTOR'S SUIT FOR LIBEL.

PHILADELPHIA. March 26.—Counsel for Elisha
Everett, the patent bedstead inventor, to-day took out a capias
for the strest of Chency Kilburn, president, and Warren Haie,
rice-president of the Haie & Kilburn Manufacturing Comvany, charging them with standyr and libel.

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A NEW PUBLIC LIBSLABY FOR BOSTON.
BOSTON, March 26.—The Addermen this eventh
passes orders for taking 19,000 square feet of land on s
James's suc, and 4,000 feet on Darmonthest, in the Ba
Bar district, for the site of a new public library. The Bull cost \$150,000. The Board also appropriated \$450,000 feet.

NEWS FROM ALBANY.

FAVORING THE PRESS GAG BILL. THE SENATE REFUSES TO RECALL THE BILL FROM

THE ASSEMBLY-THE DEBATE. [BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

ALBANY, March 26 .- The Senate refuses fecall the press gag bill from the Assembly-This bill o' Senator Koch's permits persons to bring libel suits against newspapers wherever they are circulated in the State. The present law compels persons to bring suits against newspapers in the counties where they are published. Newspaper publishers are thus protected om being dragged to distant parts of the State to defend

uits brought against them. Senator Koch offered the resolution recalling his bill from the Assembly, but plainly said that he did not desire that it should be adopted. He stated that it had merely been offered to give Senators who had been accused of an attempt to bridle the press an opportunity to be heard upon it. He believed at the time the bill Judiciary Committee and who did so in the Senate was thoroughly acquainted with its character. Senator Homer A. Nelson defended the bill and opposed its re consideration. He dwelt especially upon the injustice which was frequently done to men by newspapers In his opinion, grand juries ought to have the right to indict editors for libel anywhere in the

right to indict editors for libel anywhere in the State. All that the bill did was to authorize the assailed person to bring smit where he was best known, where it could best be judged.

Senator Pitts attacked the bill. In his opinion it was very unfair in Senator Nelson to say that he had expected the Senate to stampede on the bill owing to the Press attacks. It was unjust to drag a newspaper publisher to any county in the State. He considered the hill hasty legislation of the worst kind. Tae bill certainly ought to be recalled from the Assembly and thoroughly considered. Senator MacArthur said he desired the Judiciary Committee to report a bill requiring bonds from the complainant in a libel suit, so that in case of a failure to convict no expense should accrue to the newspaper. Such a bill he would support, but no other.

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Senator Thomas said that the present law was an exception in favor of the newspapers. This, he thought, was unjust. The crime was done when the newspaper was lavishly circulated and it should be punished where the injury was inflicted. Senator F. Lansing said that he did not see why editors should have any more immunities when they committed shander than other persons. The present bill was not an attack upon reputable newspapers, but upon the disreputable ones, which were bringing journalism into disgrace.

A vote was then taken upon the motion to recall the bill. It was defeated by a vote of 6 to 13, as follows. (Republicans in roman, bemocrats in italie):

Fees—Daly, Fitzgerald, Jacabs, Roch, MacArthur and Pitts—6.

Plits-6.
Nuys-Baucus, Bowen, Browning, Ellsworth, Evans, Orady, Jones, F. Lausing, McCarthy, H. A. Nelson, Roberts, Thomas and Treanor-13.

TOPICS IN BOTH HOUSES.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] ALBANY, March 26 .- In the Assembly there was a long debate over Mr. Poucher's bill authorizing the Governor to nominate men for the State offices that will become vacant this year before the terms of the present incumbents expire. The bill is ostensibly in anded to give Governor Cleveland immediate power to nominate Democrats for the offices of Bank Superin-tendent and Insurance Superintendent, which become vacant late in April. The Republicans, led by Mr. Roosevelt, assailed the bill, showing that it was actually to give Governor Cleveland the power to fill State offices which will become vacant after the Legislature adjourns, in order that a Republican Legislature which may succeed this one shall be deprived of the power of confirmation. Erastus Brooks, in reply, flercely criticised the acts of Mr. Roosevelt during the reading by a vote of 54 to 33-a party vote.

speaker Chapin attempted to have the "Freedom of Worship " bill sent to the sub-Committee of the Whole to-night, but Mr. Roosevelt opposed the motion, and it was defeated by a vote of 40 to 44.

Senator Jacobs to-night, in reply to a complaint that, sechalor Jacob to hight, in reply to a complaint that, as chairman of the Finance Committee, he was delaying the adjournment of the Legislature by dilatory action on bills, made a notable criticism of the Democratic Legislature, saying: "I do not believe in rushing through legislation merely with a view of getting away from Albany. We are paid by the year to do our work properly. Within a few days bills have been passed without examination and upon the slightest consideration. They may be all right, but not one in ten of us knows anything about them. This is extremely dangerous and tends to bring the Legislature into public con-

olis and tenus to oling the tempt."

The Senate in Committee of the Whole ordered to a third reading the bill making the term of the office of New-York Aldermen two years, and also the bill for the appointment of commissioners to select lands for public parks in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, New-York City. A BILL AFFECTING JAMAICA, L. L. The bill introduced into the Legislature for olishing the office of trustees of the town of Jamaica, L. I., has greatly aroused the people of that town, and ill materially affect the spring elections. The bill provides for the abolishment of the office of trustees of the

TEXNESSEE POOL-SELLING BILL

NASHVILLE, March 26 .- A bill has passed oth houses of the Legislature allowing pools to be sold on all races, but confining that privilege to races controlled by blood-horse associations and fairs. It prohibits the selling of pools to minors or intoxicated per-sons. The law has heretofore forbidden the selling of pools on any races run outside of the State.

A FIRM RUINED BY A RECKLESS PARTNER FAILURE OF C. P. MERKLE & CO. AT PITTSBURG

INT TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. PITTSBURG, March 26,-The failure of C. P. Merkle & Co., the largest paper manufacturers in Western Pennsylvania, announced this even ing, has caused much excitement, not only because the firm was supposed to be solid huancially but also because it was brought about through the recklessuess of the principal member of the firm, C. C. Merkle. The firm bad been losing money on their wood-pulp mill at Merkleton, but were strong enough to stand it. They also lost about \$300,000 enough to stand it. They also lost about \$300,000 by the failure of Faylor, in Chicago, but that even would not have hurt them secrously.

The failure is attributed to the reckless life of C.C. Merkle. He has been spending immense sums of money in dissipation, and thereby cruppled the firm; but still the firm would have been able to meet all claims as they became due, had it not been that on Thursday C. C. Merkle took a notion to go on a trip to Chicago, and drew every dollar of the firm's money on deposit in the banks, amounting to about \$100,000. This left nothing wherewith to pay bills due, and an assignment was decided upon, which was made yesterday, Jesse H. Lippincott being the assignee.

ing the assignee.

After the meeting of the creditors to-day, an official statement was made for publication which was intrished to the newspapers to-night. It is as follows:

oliows:
The mills and the coke works will be kept in operation. Notice has been posted stating that all the employes will be paid in full next Friday. It is thought that C. C. Merkle does not mean to return. He has a wife and two children who will be com-forable, as Mrs. Merkle has some money of her

A special dispatch from West Newton to The Com rcial Gazette says: "The news of the failure of Merkie & Sons created intense excitement here. The streets to day were crowded with excited people expressing inorganiton at the way the employes have been treated."

OTHER BUSINESS TROUBLES.

CANAL DOVER, Ohio, March 26 .- J. L. Edwards, & Co. proprietors of the rolling mill here, have made an assign ment to Charles Harger. Their liabilities are \$50,000 and their assets \$30,000. Fifty hands are thrown out or MONTREAL, March 26.—C. C. Snowdon & Co., an old hardware firm here, have suspended through the embarrassment of a Winnipeg firm that is a large, creditor of theirs. The machilities are approximately stated at \$100,000. The firm is expected to pay in full if it is alswardon & Co., retail boot and shoe dealers, have sus

A MINE IN DANGER OF CAVING IN.

WILKESBARRE, Penn., March 26 .- Owing to an anticipated cave-in at the Pine Ridge colliery of the Delaware and Hurison Company, work was suspended to-day. The timbers supporting the roof in the main gangway have given way and serious results are ex-

Canal Company, said to a Trinuxe reporter yesterday afternoon, that, as far as he knew, no information had been received at the company's office in regard to the condi-tion of the Pine Ridge colliery. If the matter was seri-

POLITICAL NEWS.

THE CHICAGO MAYORALTY.

CHICAGO, March 26 .- At a conference today between the Citizens' Committee and the Republican managers the former adopted a platform for the mayoralty campaign declaring for a license of \$250 a year tor beer saloons, and \$500 for shops selling distilled liquers. The R publicans took no action, but facility acquiesced in in this declaration of principles. The Republicans and Citizens are running a joint city ticket.

NOMINATIONS IN WESTCHESTER.

Each of the twenty-two towns of Westchester county will to-day elect their town officers. The Republicans for the last two years have had a majority of two in the Board of Supervisors and they will endeavor to keep their present control. In White Plains the Republicans last Saturday nominated Elisha Horton for Super isor, H. Maynard for Town Clerk, and W. W. Woodward for Justice of the Peace. At New Castle the Republica have nominated Francis M. Carpenter for Supervisor, John H. Priest for Town Cierk, and Walter H. Hought and Benjamin Hammond for Justices of the Peace. The Democrats do not oppose Mr. Carpenter for Supervisor, but nominate George W. Quinby for Town Cierk, and John H. Vail and Levi Hunt for Justices of the Peace.

THE DIAMOND MINE DISASTER.

TWENTY-SIX BODIES BROUGHT TO THE SURFACE-AFFECTING SCENES ABOUT THE MINE AND AT

Braidwood, Ill., March 26 .- In the little wn of Diamond last night, at midnight, were brought o the surface the bodies of nine of the miners who lost r lives by the catastrophe of February 16. From the carliest hour of the morning up to the time of the re-covery of the bodies, the roads leading to the scene of the awful disaster were blocked with excited people going to and from the mine. Late on Saturday night it was announced that the bodies which had been found by the exploring party would be brought to the surface and placed in the Morgue. By 10 o'clock all the available grounds in the neighborhood of the hoisting shaft were completely packed with the crowd of people, numbering not less than 2,000, excitedly discussing the probability of the identification of the bodies when they should appear above the mouth of the hoisting shaft.

The water at the time was virtually out-enough so to permit the party of workers to carry on their operations in removing the scapstone and debris that had fallen in the passage-way, blocking it enough to prevent the searching party from removing the bodies from where

the Diamond mine to remove the bodies to the cometery.

At Braidwood many said seemes occurred. Women and
children cried about the train and demanded that the
coffins be taken from the cars and the lids removed,
which, in many cases, was done. The remains were then
placed in hearses and afterward given burial.

HEAVY SNOW STORMS IN THE SOUTH.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 26 .- Specials to The of vesterday and to-day is unprecedented. At Greens Henderson it is three feet, with no abatement in the storm. Telegraph lines are down from Greensborough north. At Kittrell a number of houses have fellen under

PETERSBURG, Va., March 26.-A heavy snow storm has cen raging all day south of Weldon, N. C. At points along the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad snow is reported to have fallen to the depth of ten inches. The northern-bound mail and passesinger train from the south arrived here three hours late this atternoon in consequence of

LYNCHBURG, Va., March 26.-10a, m.-A snow storm morning. It is still snowing west of Lynchburg, and the storm is increasing. The telegraph wires are down in several places.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AT CORNELL ITHACA, March 26 .- The trustees of Cornell

University at their meeting to-day authorized the estabshment of a course in electric engineering on the open ing of the new physical and chemical laboratories in September next. A very extensive collection of apparatus has been received for the purpose. LOWER PRICES FOR IRON ORE. PITTSBURG, Penn., March 26 .- The ore-pro-

ducers have been forced down another notch to-day. The Republic Ore Company offered to sell ore for \$8 per

ton-\$2 less than last year and 50 cents less than last week. The blast furnace men say a further reduction will be necessary before they will buy, CHARGES AGAINST AN EDITOR.

SEABRIGHT, N. J., March 26 .- The Searight Sentinel of March 2 contained an editorial article denouncing balls and dancing. Within the last three days Monmouth County has been flooded with circulars in which scurrillous charges are made against P. H. Packer, the Editor of The Scattinel. United States Attorney Keasbey has officers on the case, as the circulars were sent through the mails.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES-BY TELEGRAPH.

TIRED OF LIFE AT AN EARLY AGE. TIRED OF LIFE AT AN EARLY AGE.

HUDSON, N. Y., March 26.—Frank, the twelveyears-old son of Jacob Gearing, of Canaan, N. Y., committed
suicide by hanging himself. No cause for the act is assigned.

KILLED BY A FALL.

BALTIMORE, March 26.—John Bouchette, age 60,
painter, while working on a cripple at the third story of Barhum's litted to-day, felt to the ground and died from his injuries.

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AUBURN, N. Y., March 26.—Francis Rich, age 48, one of the best known lawyers in the northern part of Cayura County, committed suicide to-day at Caio by hanging himself He had suffered severely from sickness.

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ONE ROBBERT A DAY IN CHICAGO,
CHICAGO, March 26.—The footpads of this city
have ceased to attack men at night, and are devoting their attention to women in the daylight. Three assaults and robberies have been reported in the past three days.

MULDEROUS QUARREL BETWEEN TWO OLD MEN.
St. Louis, March 26.—Henry Williams and George
Kennedy, two old men, residents of Round Grove Township,
Martin County, Ms., rot tato a quarrel on Saurday last about
Williams's wife, and Williams killed Kennedy. He was grrested.

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A DEFAULTING TAX COLLECTOR SENTENCED.

LOUISVILLE, March 26.—David Ferguson, late back tax collector, was arraigned on one of the many indictments against him this morning. He pleaded guilty and was acutanced to five years confinement in the Pointentiary—the backers against.

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A NEW TRIAL FOR A DEFAULTING CASHIER.

WASHINGTON, Penn.. March 26.—Samuel Ruth, the echauting cashier of the Washington Savings Bank, was admitted to bail by the Court to-day, and a new trial granted. The District Attorney has taken out a with of error to the supreme Court on the Judge's ruling.

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Oksiland, Ohio, March 26.—Sheriff Gates went to Polk yesterday morning and arrested George Horn and William Gribbes, who are accused of murdering William Lamberman. The prisoners are in danger of being mobbed. The Ceroner has postponed the inquest for fear of a mob.

ous, he said, he would have received information in re- NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

GOVERNMENT AND GENERAL TOPICS.

JUDGE HOWE'S DEATH AND THE SUCCESSOR TO HIS PLACE IN THE CABINET-DIAZ-BONDEI WHISKEY INTERESTS-TRESPASSERS ON INDIAN LANDS.

There is much speculation in Washington with reference to the probable successor to Judge Howe as Postmaster-General. A TRIB-UNE correspondent gives the names of the persons who are regarded as being likely to receive the appointment. Appropriate action has been taken by the President and others in honor of Judge Howe's memory. The probability that General Draz's visit to Washington is partly one of business is noted by a TRIBUNE correspondent. Questions affecting the bonded whiskey interests are receiving attention from the Treasury Department. The Secretary of the Interior has written a forcible letter against stockmen who are trespassing on Indian lands in Kansas.

THE POSTMASTER-GENERALSHIP. SPECULATIONS REGARDING JUDGE HOWE'S SUC-CESSOR.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] WASHINGTON, March 26.-The sudden death of Postmaster-General Howe has given the political gossips something to do, and they are improving the opportunity. There is the best reason to believe that the President is not only deeply saddened but greatly perplexed by the situation of affairs-as well by the serious illness of Secretary Folger as by the unexpected vacancy in his Cabinet. The latter event came so suddenly that he has not, of course, given much thought or consideration to the subject of a successor. He will not lack for advice or for candidates from among whom to make a choice. The name in nearly everybody's mouth in connection with the vacancy is that of Mr. Hatton, who is considered by many to have the best chance of success. Assistant Secretary New, of the Treasury Department, said to-day that in his opinion Mr. Hatton's promotion is probable. He did not think that the President would take an officer from another department and promote him over Mr. Hatton's head. This is regarded as a gen-

in removing the soapstone and debrs that had fallen in the passage-way, blooking it enough to prevent the prayers of the searching party from removing the bodies from where they lay. When the first entrance was made to the main slight extent, and that before the search could be extended this matter must come out. When the bodies were found there are great excitement among those were found there are greatly as a search of the finishes were found to greatly and an entrance into the passage, in splice of the base are was anothed to greatly and an entrance into the passage, in splice of the base are greatly as a spling of the first proposed. The part greatly are greatly as a spling of the first proposed that the greatly are greatly as a special was a significant, but then it should be remembered that when he started on his in the caved toof. Bursting open this door the party made an entrance into the passage, in splice of the bodies, the party retreated before the blevk damp, which almost choked them, and discovered, not far alzed, two bodies with faces downward. Proceeding to which are greatly for a cabinet vacancy. If he has aspirations for the bodies alies of the party percent before the blevk damp, while officers have been described by the party percent defore the blevk damp, while the greatly secretly prepared for the journey, and, without a threating any more attention than was absolute, and the party percent day for the party percent of the bards and the party below were instructed to send up the first body. The body was soon at the surface. Ween a limit that the freshed and the party below were instructed to send up the first body. The body was soon at the surface are greatly for the party percent of the blanch o

attentions upon him and warmly encouraged business enterprises in which General Grant is interested.

OFFICIAL HONORS TO JUDGE HOWE. ORDERS BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE ASSISTANT

POSTMASTER-GENERAL. WASHINGTON, March 26 .- An Executive order has been sent to the Cabinet officers giving official notice of the death of Mr. Howe and directing that the Executive Departments of the Government and the offices dependent thereon throughout the country, will be careful to manifest, by all customary and appropriate observances, due honor to his memory. The President directs that the Post Office Department and its dependencies in this capital shall be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days, that the several Executive Departments shall be closed on Wednesday next, the day of the funeral of the deceased, and that on all public buildings of the Government throughout the United States the National flag shall be draped in mourning and dis-

played at half-mast. The following order has been issued by the Post Office Department and signed by Mr. Hatton as Acting Postmaster-General:

It is my painful duty to announce to the officers and employes of this Department the death of the Hon. Timothy O. Howe, which occurred at Kenosha, Wis, on the 25th inst about 3 p. m. By his death the Department loses a chief of eminent ability, whose superior fitness for the important position was recognized by every subordinate with whom he came in contact.

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Timothy O. Howe was a man with whom and under whom it was a pleasure as well as an honor to serve. By his death the country loses an able and honest statesman, whose private life was spotiess and whose public caveer was marked by clear judgment, faithful service, justice to all and an ability which commanded the admiration of his fellow-inen. The loss of such a man is the country's loss.

In obelience to an Executive order the flags of this Department will be displayed at half-mast for thirty days and the Department will be closed on the 28th inst., the day appointed for the funeral. As a further mark of respect it is hereby ordered that the Department be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days. It is further ordered that on the 28th instant the Post Offices throughout the country be closed between the hours of 2 p. m. and 5 p. m.

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The massive marble columns at the entrances to the Post Office Department building are heavily draped with mourning in honor of the late Postmaster-General. His death has cast a visible gloom over the entire Department. The only other Post-

over the entire Department. The only other Postmaster-General who died in service was the Hon, Aaron V. Brown, of Tennessee, whose death occurred on March 8, 1859.

The official party which will attend the funeral of Mr. Howe left here at 9:50 this evening. It consisted of Secretaries Teller and Lincoln, Senstor Hill, chairman of the Senate Post Office Committee, First Assistant Postmaster-General Hatton and Colonel Jameson, superintendent of the Railway Mail Service. Accompanying the party were the young son and daughter of Colonel Totten and Major Safely. Secretary Chandler was to have gone, but feeling slightly indisposed concluded not to make the trip. Neither the State nor Navy Department will be represented at the funeral.

THE MEXICAN DRAINAGE COMPANY. ONE OF THE PROBABLE OBJECTS OF GENERAL DIAZ'S

VISIT. (BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.) WASHINGTON, March 26,-There is pretty good reason to believe that the visit of ex-President Diaz to the National Capital at this time is not prompted exclusively by curiosity or a desire to enjoy the hospitalities of the Government. It is understood that a meeting will be held this week of the Mexican Drainage Company, a corporation in which Senator Rubio, of Mexico, who accompanies General Diaz, is said to

very generally known. The leading American capitalists connected with the corporation as directors are said to be Senator Sabin and Mr. Low-ery, of Minnesota. Commissioner Loring

be interested. Whether General Diaz himself is personally interested in the same company is not